

by providing that all elections by a joint vote of the general assembly of Maryland, shall be viva voce; was made the order of the day for Thursday, the 8th of February proximo.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to extend the time for James Dirickson, late collector of Worcester county, to complete his collection; endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were twice read, by special order, severally assented to, and the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed.

And communicated the following letter from Arnold E. Jones, Esquire, one of the members elect, of the executive council, which was read, viz.

Elm Wood, Jany. 15th, 1827.

To the honourable the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland,

Gentlemen—I did not until this day received your favour of the 3d inst. announcing my appointment, by the legislature of Maryland, as a member of the executive branch of our government. For this distinguished honour, and for the respect and confidence entertained for me in making this selection, you will be pleased to accept, gentlemen, individually for yourselves, my unfeigned acknowledgments, and permit me, through you, to tender to the members of each house over which you severally preside, my high consideration. I shall repair to the seat of government as soon as the weather and my health will permit, and enter on the duties assigned me, in the discharge of which I shall endeavour to promote the best interests of the state.

I have the honour to be,

Very respectfully,

Your Ob't. Serv't.

Arnold E. Jones.

The house then resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill, reported by Mr. Ridgaway, entitled, An act to confirm an act to alter and amend the constitution of this state, so that the governor may be elected by the people, and to abolish the council, and after further debate thereon, the question was propounded, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required by seven members, were taken, and appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Speaker

Boon

Buchanan

Turner

Denny

Nicholson

Ridgaway

Barnes

Hope

Norris

Sutton

Montgomery

Keene

Saulsbury

Hardcastle

Brown

Tyson,

Stricker

Fitzhugh—19

NEGATIVE,

Messrs. Hawkins

Millard

Gough

R. Thomas

Banning

Done

Dennis

Gibbons

S. R. Smith

Slemaker

Bishop

Hitch